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RE: City Planning Commission Comments on the Anson Brooks Mansion Designation Study (2445 Park Ave)

Mr. Mogush,

Following review of the proposed designation of the Anson Brooks Mansion Designation at 2445 Park Avenue, the City Planning Commission submits these comments for consideration:

1. The relationship of the proposed designation to the city's comprehensive plan.

The designation of the Anson Brooks Mansion at 2445 Park Avenue is supported by the Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth through the following policies:

Policy 3.7 states, "Maintain the quality, safety and unique character of the city's housing stock." The subject property serves as an enduring example of Minneapolis' safe, and unique housing, and is an example that has thrived for over a century.

Policy 8.1 states, "Preserve, maintain, and designate districts, landmarks, and historic resources which serve as reminders of the city's architecture history, and culture." Implementation step 8.1.1 continues, "Protect historic resources from modifications that are not sensitive to their historic significance." Designating the Brooks mansion as a historic landmark would directly meet the intent and goal of Policy 8.1. The protections placed on the property as a result of designation would serve to meet policy objective 8.1.1.

2. The effect of the proposed designation on the surrounding area.

Designation of the Brooks Mansion will keep intact one of the last remaining mansions on the "Golden Mile," on a block face of Park Avenue that remains mostly residential.

3. The consistency of the proposed designation with applicable development plans or development objectives adopted by the city council.

The property is not within the boundaries of any adopted small area plans or development plans as identified in The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth. While there are no small area plans that offer specific guidance for this property, the proposed designation is consistent with the policies in the comprehensive plan. The designation will help preserve the character of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,



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President, Minneapolis City Planning Commission